



## A Novel Affair Foundation Fundraising Dinner

The North Valley Public Library Foundation is holding its first annual fundraising dinner - "A NOVEL AFFAIR" on Saturday, April 14, 2018 at the St Mary's Center, Stevensville to raise funds to support library programs and continued library building renovations.

Doors open at 5:45 for socializing, seating and bidding on a Silent Auction. Dinner is 6:30-7:30 followed by entertainment from local talent.

Enjoy entertainment provided by the LeGrande Harvey Duo, made up of LeGrand Harvey and Rod Brod. Carleen and LeGrand Harvey wrote the official Montana State ballad, "Montana Melody", a lovely lyrical tune and typical of the music the duo play.

Donor levels (Tickets) include one drink of your choice, full dinner, dessert, entertainment, and access to the silent auction:

Single person	\$ 50.00
Couple	\$ 90.00
Table (8 persons)	\$ 350.00
Child (< 10 years)	\$ 25.00

Tickets may be purchased at North Valley Public Library, The Bitterroot Star on 115 W 3<sup>rd</sup> St (behind Valley Drug) (M-F 9-5pm) or Main Street Association on 102 Main St (T-F, 9-5pm)

Tickets can also be purchased by contacting NVPL Foundation Board member, Fran Schmitz [franniela70@gmail.com](mailto:franniela70@gmail.com) 777-3579 or (225) 304-3947

The Foundation is happily accepting donations of art works, antiques, vintage or unique pieces in good condition and of value for the Silent Auction. If you are interested in donating an item, please visit the local North Valley Library OR contact Donna Bainbridge at 406 370-4563. "We will review your item and complete the needed information so we can represent your item correctly and thoroughly on the Auction table. We will send you a letter acknowledging your donation so you can utilize it with your next tax return if you so choose."



To everyone who made our **Chocolate & Authors** event such a success. Thanks firstly to the Friends of the North Valley Library for organizing the event, which was such a success. We had over 100 people attend, and a great time was had by all. The food was amazing and it was fantastic to be able to chat to authors about their books and lives.

Thanks to our commercial sponsors, who donated raffle prizes, goods a cost and more to make our event such a success:

All of the **Authors** that donated their time, and a book.

**Darby Bed & Breakfast**

**ASK Glass**

**Apenstuble**

**Stevensville Playhouse**

**Anytime Fitness**

**Montana Chocolate Co**

**Burnt Fork Market**

**Red Rooster**

**Stevensville Hotel**

**The Mission Museum**

**Main Street Association**

The following sponsors donated door prizes:

**Flavorful**

**Lost Trail Hot Springs**

**Spas of Montana**

The library staff helped us with all kinds of things—from rearranging to decorating to clean up to writing articles—THANK YOU!!!

And to everyone of you who came and helped to make our event so wonderful.

## Library News

### Why are we having so many fundraisers?

Fundraisers are a much needed financial boost to the library for programming, repairs and renovations, expanding our collection and much more.

We're looking at losing about 13,000 in direct and indirect funding from the State & Federal budget over the next 12 months. This funding is used to enable us to be part of the library partnership, to catalog new items into the library and to offer audio and e-books, among other things.

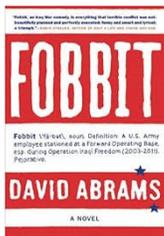
### Friends of the NVPL

The next meeting of the Friends is Thursday 16 April at 6 pm at the library. Don't forget they're looking for new members, and a new president.

### Art Mural

If you see someone painting on the wall outside the library, it's local, professional artist Ken Daly who is donating his talent and time to paint a mural for us. Thanks Ken!  
Look out for our article in the May Newsletter for more on Kenneth Daly.

## Montana Author of the Month David Abrams



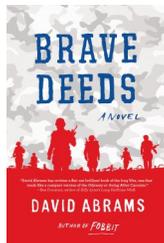
David Abrams lives in Butte, having retired from a 20 year career in the armed forces.

While on deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom he formed the blueprint for his first novel *Fobbit*, which won several prestigious writing awards.

"In *Fobbit*, [David Abrams] has written a very funny book, as funny, disturbing, heartbreaking and ridiculous as war itself." says the *The New York Times Book Review*.

His subsequent novel *Brave Deeds* is described as "Hilariously absurd, Abrams surprises with pathos and tenderness. This is military fiction at its truest" — *Booklist*.

*Fobbit* is available at the library as both a novel and an audiobook. *Brave Deeds* is available from our Partner Libraries in book form and available as an audiobook from our library.



Overdrive's new Libby app is easy to use and great for mobile devices.

Go to <https://meet.libbyapp.com/> for a free download, or to find out more.

The existing Overdrive app still works, Libby is more "mobile friendly"

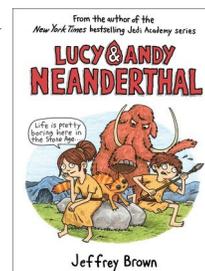
## Kid's Corner



### Annika Recommends:

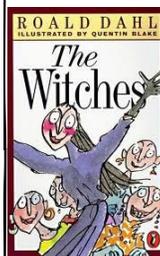
#### *Lucy & Andy Neanderthal* by Jeffery Brown

*Lucy & Andy Neanderthal* are a series of very cute graphic novels about the lives of early humans. It's designed for kids, but can be enjoyed by people of all ages! There are little blurbs on many pages showing the daily life of a Neanderthal clan followed by information and facts by two cartoon scientists. I learned some new things and was entertained all at once! You will definitely enjoy these ones!



### Guest Reviewer: Lexi W., age 11

#### *The Witches* by Roald Dahl



*The Witches* is a wonderful fantasy book about a little boy and his grandmother. Over summer vacation, a tragedy occurs. The grandmother gets pneumonia. She is so sick that they can't go to Norway like they wanted. Instead, they go to a nice hotel on the West Coast of England. At the hotel, the little boy sees something that will no longer remain a secret. He sees tons of English witches! To see what happens next read *The Witches*.

Roald Dahl keeps us laughing. Believe it or not, I don't think I could have laughed harder! My favorite character is the grandmother because she is so patient but she speaks her mind. The best part of the book is when the grandmother was telling funny stories to the children about what happens if the witches get them. This is the best part because it is at the beginning of the book and it hooks the reader in. So trust me, you should definitely read *The Witches*.

## Our Mission:

To strengthen and support our community by fostering a welcoming and comfortable setting for all people to gather, explore and discover.  
To promote literacy and lifelong learning.  
To provide exemplary service and quality, timely materials.

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## Mushroom Foraging & Growing

**Thursday, April 5 at 6pm**



Are you interested in hunting for wild mushrooms without ending up dead? Larry Evans of the Western Montana Mycological Association is holding a class focuses on basic mushroom identification and foraging, home propagation, and mycological use in the breakdown of pollutants.

## Arthur Kostuk plays the Classics

**Friday, April 6 at 6 pm**



Acclaimed classical pianist Arthur Kostuk is back for another wonderful performance. Join us for a chance to hear the "silver bullet" play again.

## Wildfire: Home Defense & Safety

**Thursday, April 12 at 6 pm**



Wildfires are inevitable. Your home burning down is not. Find out how you can better protect your precious possessions in case of a wildfire.

## Bugout Preparation Class

**Thursday, April 19 at 6-7 pm**



Learn to cope with the hardships of a 72-hour emergency scenario by joining this survival preparation course by local business *Bug Out Montana*.

## How to Train your Puppy

**Saturday April 21 at 11 am**



Learn how to train your dog using rewards based training methods with Natasha Osborn, dog trainer, vet nurse and agility trainer.

## Mindfulness Meditation Group

**Tuesdays at 10:30 am**



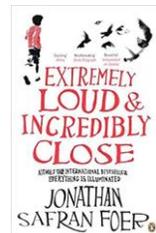
Continuing classes in meditation. Usually classes include a short video, a discussion on technique and practice. **Newcomers welcome.**

## Tai Chi Group

**Fridays at 11 pm**



Continuing classes with Tai Chi Master Mike English who has been a student of Tai Chi since 2003 and has a background in Aikido and Shotokan Karate. No equipment is necessary for these classes, but comfortable clothes recommended. **Newcomers welcome.**



## Book Club

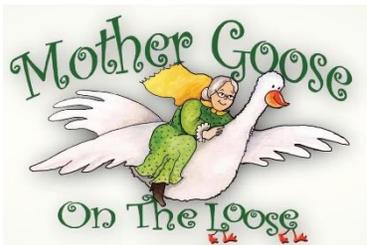
**Tuesday, April 10 at 10:30 am**

Join members of the book club to discuss this month's selection: **Jonathan Safran Foer's** book, *Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close*.

## Upcoming Events:

- Organizing Basics : May 3
- Bittergrass String Band : May 4
- Stevensville Gardening Club : May 4

The Library enriches lives through free resources for learning, fun, and opportunity. All library programs are free and open to the public.



### Mother Goose Sings and Swings

**Mondays, April 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30 at 10:30 am**

Join us for simple stories, finger plays, songs, nursery rhymes and social interaction. The *Mother Goose on the Loose*

program is designed to promote early literacy skills in the very young child.

**For babies up to 23 months and their adult caregivers.**



### Captain Hooked on Books @ the Library

**Tuesdays, April 3, 10, 17, & 24 at 9:30-10 am**

Join us for this interactive program of reading, singing and dancing featuring the Captain (played by Kim Gibbs) and Petey the Parrot. This program reinforces early

literacy skills in a fun, creative style that always keeps kids entertained. Come and read at the library with a pirate! Caregivers are required to quietly supervise any children under their care so that the performance is not interrupted. *Sponsored by the North Valley Public Library Foundation and the Rapp Foundation.*

**For children ages 3-5**

### Animal Wonders

**Tuesday, April 24 at 5:30-7 pm**

Come learn about and interact with unique animal ambassadors.

**REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!** Please call the Library, or stop by to sign up and reserve a spot. Space is limited to 60 people. *Sponsored by the North Valley Public Library Foundation and the Rapp Foundation.*

**For all ages + families**



### Pre-School Stories & Crafts

**Wednesdays, April 4, 11, 18, & 25 at 10:30-11:30 am**

Join us for amazing stories and a craft. **For preschool and under**

### After School @ the Library

**Wednesdays, April 4, 11, 18, & 25 at 3-4:30 pm**

Join us for study hall, free tutoring, crafts and Legos.

**For ages 5-18**



### Music Makers

**Thursdays, April 5, 12, 19, & 26 at 1:30 pm**

Join us for songs, rhythm exercises, stories and more!

**For preschool and under**



### Art Club

**Thursdays, April 5, 12, 19, & 26 at 4-5 pm**

Join us for fun, creative art lessons & projects! This is a great chance to get your creative juices flowing.

**For ages 5-18**



### Science Friday

**April 13 at 4-5 pm**

The library hosts a science-based program for kids one Friday a month. Come learn about a scientific topic and do an experiment or project. **Please sign up** by emailing the Youth Services Specialist or at the Library's front desk, **space is limited.**

**For ages 8-14**



### Contact Super Reader Annika

[annikar@northvalleylibrary.org](mailto:annikar@northvalleylibrary.org) for more information about youth programs or to get on the email list.

All programs listed on our website and in the Bitterroot Star.

